

### **Bad Weather Policy**

CTSC prioritises safety and court protection, with decisions on court closures or cancellations made by club officials, coaches or in marginal conditions when courts are not officially closed left to the discretion of the players based on surface conditions. In such cases, players play *at their own risk* and CTSC is *not* responsible for their safety.

#### **Key Procedures:**

- **Decisions on the playability of tennis and pickle courts during periods of frost, snow or ice** (both hard and artificial clay surfaces) will be made by the tennis chair after inspection/consultation.
- **Decisions on the playability of padel courts during periods of frost, snow or ice** will be made by the padel chair after inspection/consultation.
- **These decisions** will be communicated to the office, members and visitors as soon as is practicable.
- **Rain:** whilst courts will typically remain open during light drizzle, play may be suspended by player agreement if standing water forms or if the surface becomes slippery.
- **Winter Conditions:** In cases of frost, snow, or ice, courts may be closed by club officials. In these circumstances, clearing frost or snow or ice with members' or the club's mechanical equipment, sharp tools, brooms, drags, salt, grit or chemical de-icers is strictly prohibited in order to prevent damage to the surface.
- **Wind:** High winds that impact ball flight or safety (e.g., risk of falling branches or debris) may trigger a recommendation to stop play.

- **Coaching Sessions:** the safety of coaching sessions is the responsibility of CTA.
- **General Rules:** Court bookings rendered unusable because of bad weather should be cancelled and a refund of the booking fee may be issued when appropriate by office staff on receipt of the specific details.

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